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For: HYDROCARBON SYNTHESIS )  
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HYDROCARBON SYNTHESIS )  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.**Remarks** begin on page 3 of this paper.